The price of levy rice payable to millers has been fixed as per the approved principles uniformly followed for all the States for kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2005-06. All elements which go into the costing of levy rice have been considered before fixing the price of levy rice. The increase in levy price in Andhra Pradesh in KMS 2005-06 as compared to KMS 2004-05 is as follows:—

	Raw rice	Parboiled
Common	Rs. 10.00	Rs. 25.10
Grade A	Rs. 9.50	Rs. 23.70

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. However the request was not acceded to since as per the approved principles for costing of levy rice of KMS 2003-04 onwards the milling charges taken into consideration of levy price costing include transportation charges for delivery of levy rice upto 8 km.

Requirement of foodgrains for welfare schemes

t2453. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION of be pleased to state:

(a) the actual stock of wheat and rice with Government and the quantum of foodgrains needed for the buffer stock;

(b) the estimated requirement of foodgrains for BPL related Targted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Sampuma Gramin Yojana, Mid-day Meal Scheme, Food for Work Programme and other schemes for the years 2006 and 2007; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for providing foodgrains for all the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The stock of wheat and rice in the Central Pool as on 1.2.2006 was as under;—

(In lakh tonnes)

Wheat	48.74
Rice	139.65
TOTAL:	18839

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The Buffer Stock norms prescribed by the Government are as under:—

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

	1st Jan.	1st April	1 st March	1st Oct.
Rice	118.00	122.00	98.00	52.00
Wheat	82.00	40.00	171.00	110.00
TOTAL:	200.00	162.00	269.00	162.00

(b) The estimated requirement of foodgrains during 2006-07 for BPL including AAY families under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other Schemes is given in the Statement. (See below)

(c) The following steps have been taken to provide foodgrains for all the schemes:—

(i) The target of procurement of foodgrains (wheat and Rice) during Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2006-07 and kharif marketing Season (KMS) 2005-06 has been enhanced as under:

(a) Procurement of about 162 lakh tonnes of wheat during RMS 2006-07 as against 148 lakh tonnes of wheat procured during RMS 2005-06.

(b) Procurement of about 260 lakh tonnes of Rice in KMS 2005-06 as against 246.5 lakh tonnes of Rice procured in KMS 2004-05.

(ii) The State Governments are encouraged to procure more coarsegrains and distribute the same under the TPDS/other schemes.

(iii) Decision to import 5 lakh tonnes of wheat.

(iv) The allocation under Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and National Food for Work (NFFW) programmes has been reduced from 5 Kg. to 3 Kg. per person per day in the wage component *w.e.f.* 1.11.2005 to 31.3.2006 by Ministry of Rural Development.

Statement

Estimated requirement of foodgrains under BPL including AAY and all , other Schemes during 2006-07.

(In lakh tonnes)

Schemes	Rice	Wheat	Total
BPL+AAY	175.00	97.00	272.00
Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana	17.00	11.00	28.00
Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (Special Component)	6.00	8.00	14.00
Mid-Day Meal	21.00	7.00	28.00
National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP)	12.00	8.00	20.00
Other Welfare Schemes	12.00	8.00	20.00
TOTAL:	243.00	139.00	382.00

Relief packages for sugar mills

+2454. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a relief package to restart the sugar mills which are lying closed all over country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of sugar mills lying closed in Madhya pradesh and the details of the support given to the State to restart these mills; and

(d) the number of those closed mills which have been restarted by above efforts of Government, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

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